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Tennessee Human Rights Commission Launches Statewide Hearings in Memphis

The Tennessee Human Rights Commission will launch statewide hearings beginning in Memphis on January 28, 2014, which seek input from community leaders, researchers and advocacy groups to bring testimony regarding the state of human rights in local communities.

The first hearing at Rhodes College, Barret Library, begins at 9:30 a.m. and will last until 12:30 p.m. Both written and oral testimonies will be accepted and included in the forthcoming report, "The State of Human Rights in Tennessee" from the Commission. The final report will include information from those bringing testimony in addition to statistics, trends and information from the Commission's own work, safeguarding individuals from discrimination through enforcement and education.

These hearings provide community organizations, advocacy groups and researchers the opportunity to share with the statewide community the issues their community is facing. These testimonies are ideal for non-profits and government agencies to share any relevant reports. Ideal testimonies will identify human rights issues and, when possible, propose solutions.

Those interested in sharing your organization's report, research or developing issues related to human rights should contact the Commission. Inquiries can be made to susannah.berry@tn.gov or by calling Susannah Berry at 1-800-251-3589.

For more information and to RSVP to the Memphis Hearing, visit www.memphishearing.eventbrite.com

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